

honored that he was here today to lead us in prayer.

TRIBUTE TO CITY OF HOPE MEDICAL CENTER FOR ITS WORK TO FIGHT BREAST CANCER

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, the sea of stripes and stars and red, white, and blue that decorate shop windows and adorn our homes and cars is evidence that Americans have renewed our sense of pride and unity. Donning ribbons and waving flags, hundreds more will fill the streets of South Florida this Sunday, October 7. They will participate in a patriotic salute; but as our Nation gets back to business, these South Floridians will Walk for Hope Against Breast Cancer.

Walk for Hope Against Breast Cancer will help raise funds for lifesaving research at City of Hope Medical Center and at the Beckman Research Institute. I congratulate the event co-chairs of the walk, Michael Yavner and Mason Mishcon; as well as the Grand Marshal of the walk, Susan Wise, the Morning Diva at 101.5 Lite FM, and Jade Alexander, entertainment reporter for CBS 4, who have utilized their TV and radio talents to promote the event.

I also congratulate Ambassador Naomi Wright, director of community relations at Pro-player Stadium, who has worked to raise funds that will benefit clinical trials and hereditary and clinically associated research.

One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, but with the dedication and leadership of groups like City of Hope Medical Center, we will soon be trained with the weapons to fight this devastating disease.

URGING CONGRESS TO ALLOW GOD BACK INTO THE SCHOOLROOMS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, after September 11, America turned to prayer. Churches, community groups, colleges, all of America prayed for the victims, their families, and our great Nation.

Once again, when in crisis, America turns to prayer and turns to God. Yet, America has banned God from our schools. Shame. A nation that bans God from our schools is a nation that invites the devil.

I yield back our right of religious freedom and urge this Congress to take whatever steps and means are necessary to invite and allow God back into our schoolrooms.

WHY WE MUST GO TO WAR

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, we seem to be entering a new era of war protesters. The professional protesters who have been marching against globalism and capitalism and other causes now have a new cause.

I respect true pacifists, although I do not agree with them. I believe sometimes we have to fight against tyrants. But we should remind one another that freedom is not free. Our freedoms were not won with poster paint. It was costly. They were won by the blood of patriots.

The reason our soldiers fight and die is to secure our freedoms: the freedom, the luxury, even, to protest and carry a sign, and the freedom to be tolerant; the freedoms of religion, speech, press, assembly, and redress of grievances.

This war is against terrorists who will kill innocent women and children and take the law into their own hands to achieve their own ends. This war is to guarantee that our people, our children, can have a secure and free future. The intent of the terrorist is not our defeat, it is our destruction. If they had weapons of mass destruction, they would use them. They are seeking such capability as we speak.

That is why we must go to war. We must exact justice on the terrorists, and we must prevent them from getting that capability so the world can live in peace and freedom.

TANCREDO AMENDMENT WILL STOP BARBARIC PRACTICE OF COCKFIGHTING

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, the House this morning has an opportunity to stop the barbaric and inhumane practice of cockfighting. Roosters bred, trained, and equipped not just to kill but maim and do maximum damage and bloodshed is something that is abhorrent to the American public.

Starting in 1837, Massachusetts and 46 other States over the years have done their job. Congress has not done its. Even though 25 years ago the House passed the legislation and last month passed legislation, we have never had time to do it right.

It is time to close this loophole that transports these fighting birds across State lines. Join the advocates for humane treatment of animals, law enforcement, and the overwhelming majority of American citizens. I urge my colleagues to join the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. TANCREDO) and I to close this loophole by voting for the amendment.

URGING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO RESCHEDULE SAFETY PATROL TRIPS TO THE U.S. CAPITOL

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Madam Speaker, I want to applaud my colleagues as co-chairman of the Congressional Travel and Tourism Caucus for their outstanding work on getting America flying again, traveling again, and looking at some of the implications of September 11.

One disturbing note: I have heard many school districts around the Nation are talking about canceling the all-important safety patrol trips to our Nation's Capitol. I urge them to reconsider those decisions. One of the great times for us in Congress is a chance to meet with our young constituents when they come to Washington, D.C., their eyes big as saucers, looking at the wonderful majestiness of this building, our national monuments, and the history invoked in this room.

This is a singularly important trip for these young people and should not be put aside based on fear or irrational concerns over safety. We want the children to be treated safely. We want them, yet, to have a great historical time in our Nation's Capitol.

I urge those school boards to reconsider their decision and allow their kids to travel to our Nation's Capitol. They will be safe, and more important, they will gain an insight into the workings of the Federal Government, which is important for themselves and their future.

TODAY CONGRESS CAN FUNDAMENTALLY REFORM AGRICULTURE POLICY TO BENEFIT ALL FARMERS

(Mr. KIND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, today we have a chance to fundamentally reform agriculture policy so all farmers in all regions of the country will benefit under the next farm bill.

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I, along with the gentleman from New York (Mr. BOEHLERT), the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCHREST) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL) will offer an amendment that takes a little bit of the increase of the subsidy payments that the largest commodity producers will receive, and instead move those resources into voluntary and incentive-based land and water conservation programs that our farmers want and are calling for.

As the Bush administration made clear in their statement on the farm bill released yesterday, even they cannot support the committee bill because, and I quote, "It misses the opportunity to modernize the Nation's farm programs through market oriented tools, innovative environmental programs, including extending benefits to working lands and aid programs that are consistent with our trade agenda."